

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-13. (Cancelled).

14. (New) Openable motor vehicle roof, comprising:

a fixed roof surface having a roof opening therein

a movable roof element for selectively closing and at least partially clearing the roof opening,

a body-mounted frame component which extends over at least one edge area of the roof opening,

a seal element which is located in proximity to the frame component, and against which the roof element rests when the roof opening is closed,

a drive with an electric motor for moving the roof element, and

a monitoring means, which is coupled to the drive, for evaluating drive parameters derived from the drive, and for one of turning off and reversing the drive when evaluation of at least one drive parameter indicates that there is a interfering body between the roof element and the edge area of the roof opening,

wherein there is a stop surface on the roof element which is sized and configured relative to the frame component and seal element in a manner which will cause the stop surfaced to contact an interfering body that is present between the roof element and the edge area of the roof opening before the roof element engages the seal element.

15. (New) Openable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 14, in which the roof element is mounted in a manner producing a motion of the roof element when the roof opening is being closed that has a component perpendicular to the roof surface.

16. (New) Openable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 15, in which the roof element engages against the seal element from obliquely overhead when the roof opening is being closed.

17. (New) Openable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 14, the roof element is mounted in a manner producing a motion of the roof element upward to above the fixed roof surface to clear the roof opening.

18. (New) Openable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 14, in which the stop surface projects from the roof element in a direction of the closing motion of the roof element.

19. (New) Openable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 14, in which the stop surface projects in an area of a front edge of the roof element.

20. (New) Openable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 19, in which the stop surface is an extension of the front edge of the roof element that extends in the direction of closing motion of the roof element.

21. (New) Openable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 19, in which the seal element lies behind the stop surface in the lengthwise direction of the motor vehicle roof in the closed position of the roof element.

22. (New) Openable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 14, in which the stop surface extends essentially over the entire width of the roof opening.

23. (New) Openable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 18, in which the stop surface is foamed onto the roof element.

24. (New) Openable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 23, in which the roof element has peripheral edge foaming into which the stop surface is integrated.

25. (New) Openable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 14, wherein the stop element has a length sufficient to engage interfering bodies having a thickness of about 4 mm

measured in the closing direction of the roof element prior to the roof element contacting the seal element.

26. (New) Openable motor vehicle roof as claimed in claim 14, wherein the monitoring means is adapted to detect at least one parameter of the drive from among the parameters of current consumed by the electric motor drive, torque delivered by the drive, number and direction of revolutions of a driven shaft of the drive, rpm of the drive and positioning speed of the roof element.